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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on February 20, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Contrary to applicant's remarks on page 8 of the response, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the abstract has not been addressed. To expedite matters, it is suggested to submit the response via fax to the number for formal/official papers listed below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

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